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St. James's, May 7.

HIS Majesty having been pleased to appoint his Grace John Duke of Rutland Lord Lieutenant of the County of Leicester, his Grace this Day in Council took the Oaths appointed to be taken, instead of the Oaths of Allegiance and Supremacy.

Whereas Information hath this Day been given to His Majesty in Council, that Mr. Levermore, Supervisor of the Riding Officers at Lydd, together with some other Officers under his Inspection, did on the 17th of March last, apprehend one Jacob Walter a notorious Owler and Smugler, who some time since broke out of the Fleet Prison, to which Place he had been committed by Mesne Process for transporting of Wooll to France, together with one Thomas Bigg, who is also a noted Smugler; and that with the Assistance of a Constable they secured the said Walter and Bigg at the George Inn in Lydd till the 19th, when the Officers were in a riotous Manner assaulted by several armed Men, who fired upon them, and by Violence rescued the said Walter and Bigg: These are therefore to give Notice, that whoever shall discover the said Jacob Walter, aged about 40 Years, a tall Man, longish Face, ruddy Complexion, stout, well made, wearing a light Wig, and Thomas Bigg about the same Age, a short little Man, round Visage, wearing a black Wig, or any of the following Persons, who were concerned in the rescuing the said Walter and Bigg, viz. Francis Norwood, Gib Jarvis, alias Tomkin, who is said to be shot through the Arm in rescuing the said Walter and Bigg, Edward Jarvis, alias Tomkin, Edward Gibbon, Thomas Stroker, Alexander Green, John Humphreys, or any other Person concerned in the said Rescue, or any of them, so as they may be apprehended and convicted, shall receive the Reward of 40 l. for each of them, to be paid upon such Conviction by the Lords Commissioners of His Majesty's Treasury; and in case any of the Offenders therein shall make such Discovery (other than the said Walter) that he, or they, will have His Majesty's most gracious Pardon.

Naples, April 25. The Prince Borgheſe arrived here from Rome on the 21ſt Inſtant at Night, and the next Day took Poſſeſſion of the Viceroyſhip of this Kingdom; which he is to execute during the Abſence of Cardinal Schrotenbach, who is gone to the Conclave at Rome.

Madrid, April 28. On the 21ſt Inſtant Colonel Stanhope and the Earl of Portmore returned hither from Aranjuez, and on the 25th his Lordſhip ſet out on his Journey for England through France. A Courier is arrived from Rome, with Letters of the 4th Inſtant, giving an Account that the Cardinals had entred the Conclave: We have no Advice yet of the Arrival of the Cardinals Borgia and Belluga at Alicant, in order to imbark there for Civitavecchia. The Ambaſſadour of Malta has received by an Expreſs from Alicant, an Account of an obſtinate Fight between three Malteſe Ships of War and four Algerines, in which the largeſt of the Algerines, carrying about 40 Guns, was taken, though with the Loſs of a great Number of Men on Board the Malteſe Ships, and among them of 15 Knights. On the 24th we had Advice, that a Ship is come into Cadiz from New Spain, with Letters from the Viceroy the Marqueſs de Valero, and from Don Ferdinand Chacon Commander in Chief of the Flota which ſailed from Cadiz the Beginning of Auguſt laſt, and arrived ſafely at Vera Cruz the 26th of October. That Flota is to put to Sea from Vera Cruz before the End of April to return to Spain: The Ship now arrived at Cadiz has brought about Two Hundred Thouſand Pieces of Eight for the Account of private Merchants. And the King has ordered that the Silver ſhall be delivered forthwith to the Proprietors, without obliging them to ſend it to the Mint to be coined. A Ship belonging to the South Sea Company of Great Britain, is arrived alſo at Cadiz from Buenos Ayres, laden with Hides. A Marriage is concluded between the Conde de Parſent Grandee of Spain, and a Daughter of the Marqueſs de Montealigre the King's Cup bearer: Lieutenant General Don Lucas Spinola, has obtained the King's Conſent to marry the only Daughter and Heireſs of the Conde de Cifuentes, who during her Father's Abſence in Germany is under the Guardianſhip of the Conde de Siruela her Grandfather. It is reported, that the Marqueſs de Lede will ſhortly ſet out for Flanders, in order to marry there. The Marqueſs de Caſtelar Secretary at War, has received his Catholick Majeſty's Directions, not to make out Commiſſions for ſupplying any Vacancy that might happen in the military Employments: And it is ſaid a Reſolution is taken to break all the new Regiments raiſed ſince 1718, and to incorporate the private Soldiers into the old Corps.

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